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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk and
Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101
Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South
Carolina 29210

Re: **Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's
Establishment of Solar Choice Metering Tariffs Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann.
Section 58-40-20 (Docket Nos. 2020-264-E & 2020-265-E)**

Joint Request with Request for Expedited Treatment

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am writing on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC"); Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" and together with DEC, the "Companies"); and the Southern Environmental Law Center on behalf of Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, and Upstate Forever (together with the Companies, the "Requesting Parties") with regard to the virtual public hearing scheduled in this proceeding for tomorrow morning. The most recent witness list provided by Commission staff indicates that there are currently eight public witnesses scheduled to provide testimony, with the last witness scheduled for 9:40 AM tomorrow morning.¹ By Order No. 2021-64, the parties in this proceeding may provide responses to that public testimony on Friday, April 23rd, as part of the continued merits hearing before the Commission.

Given the limited number of public witnesses scheduled to testify and the number of parties in this proceeding—as well as the quickly-approaching deadline for proposed orders—the Requesting Parties respectfully request that the Commission direct all parties to submit written responsive comments in lieu of the scheduled virtual hearing on Friday, April 23rd. The Requesting Parties believe that this approach will aid in administrative efficiency while still providing all parties with an opportunity to present robust, comprehensive responses to the Commission.

¹ The Requesting Parties note that persons desiring to testify may notify the Commission no later than 4:45 PM today.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



J. Ashley Cooper

JAC:hmp

cc: All parties of record (Via Electronic Mail)